## REMARKS

Claims 21, 27 and 33 have been amended. No claims have been canceled or added. Accordingly, claims 21-28 are currently pending in the above-identified application.

# Priority

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's acknowledgment of the claim for priority and receipt of the priority document in the parent application.

### 35 U.S.C. §112

The claims have been amended to overcome the rejection under this section. The Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned by telephone to resolve any remaining issues.

## Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 21-38 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 21-25 of U.S. Patent No. 5,889,971. Without admitting to the propriety of the rejection, the Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer to avoid the rejection.

### Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks,

Applicants contend that the above-identified application is

now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration
and reexamination are respectfully requested.

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